

**RFCA Stakeholder Focus Group**  
**Broomfield City Hall**  
**August 2, 2000**  
**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Introduction:**

Dave Abelson (RFCLoG): Opened the meeting by reviewing the purpose of the Focus Group. He stated that the primary goal of this group is to engage in dialogue on important Environmental Restoration (ER) issues and upcoming decisions. It is not a decision-making forum. Dave also reviewed the agenda that included:

- Continued discussion on 903 Pad
- Review Syllabus

Joe Legare: Expanded upon Dave's opening comments by reviewing a fundamental policy question:

How much contamination will remain at Rocky Flats and what steps will be taken to assure that any residual contamination does not pose a health risk to a future user or an offsite individual?

Joe explained that this group will be used to advance our collective understanding of important ER policy issues.

**903 Pad Timeline:**

The first agenda item was to review the draft 903 Pad Timeline. Joe explained that the Timeline was only a draft to illustrate the time sequence of the decision-making process for the 903 Pad and point out where we are today.

A question was raised about whether EPA or Kaiser-Hill would be conducting the remediation of the project. It was explained that the draft Timeline was based on the EPA schedule and a decision regarding whether EPA or KH would perform the clean up. The RFCA Principles will make this decision in the near future. The Timeline is enclosed in this packet.

Joe Goldfield: Questioned whether the RSAL report could be completed by Jan. 1 and asked about the status of the agency review.

Mr. Goldfield was told that the agencies were currently reviewing the RAC report and that the RFCA parties believe a draft RSAL report will be ready by this winter. Joe Legare stated that the RSAL report needs to be in place before an IM/IRA could be drafted.

Mary Harlow (Westminster) asked about the remediation time for completion of the 903 Pad if the EPA receives the contract.

Tim Rehder stated that the project would likely take two construction seasons and be completed in Sept. 2003. If KH does the work, the entire schedule would be delayed approximately one year.

John Marler asked if the RSAL would be the primary driver for the cleanup of the 903?

It was explained that the RSAL is obviously extremely important to the 903 Pad cleanup but several other considerations, such as protection of surface water quality, will also be drivers.

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LeRoy Moore inquired about who regulates EPA while they would be conducting the 903 Pad project.

Tim Rehder explained that EPA cleans up thousands of sites under CERCLA all over the country and is responsible for its own oversight but in the case of the 903 Pad work at RFETS, the CDPHE would also have a significant oversight role.

#### **General 903 Pad Discussion:**

Hank Stovall began the discussion by raising the surface water issue. He stated that even at the RAC's recommended level of 35 pCi/g; the Site is not sure how to guarantee protection of the surface water level. He stated that while discussing clean-up levels we should always consider water quality. He suggested that we discuss the surface water issue at a future meeting.

Sam Dixon agreed and suggested that we add "protection of surface water quality" to the policy question Joe used to start the meeting.

Ray Betts raised a question about how "soil action levels" and "final cleanup levels" differ. He requested that the Site put an issue paper together on this subject (it is enclosed in the packet):

#### **Ecological Issues:**

Ray also commented on John Rampe's Ecology Issue Paper. Specifically, he inquired if the Site had evaluated what ecological mitigation efforts would be necessary if the 903 Pad was remediated to 35 pCi/g. Rampe explained that the Site has not conducted a comprehensive analysis for the 903 Pad ecological impacts to date, but all impacts will be evaluated as we move forward in the planning.

Don Buford requested a map that outlines the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse habitat.

Shirley Garcia asked if the Site has started a dialogue with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Rampe explained that a formal dialogue has not begun but we have sent information to the FWS.

Kathy Schnoor stated that she felt that ecological issues are not insurmountable and should not prevent thorough remediation.

Diane Niedzwiecki (CDPHE): Encouraged DOE to invite FWS to future RFCA Stakeholder Focus Group meetings.

#### **Transportation:**

Kathy Schnoor requested that the Site include additional information in the next packet pertaining to DOE transportation statistics. That information is enclosed.

#### **Soil sampling:**

LeRoy posed a question about how soil samples are taken and if they are mixed. He mentioned that the RAC was tasked to look at soil sampling protocols and delivered several recommendations that the Site should consider. LeRoy explained that he is concerned that hot spots could be missed.

A brief explanation of the sampling methodology for the 903 Pad was provided, but a more detailed issue paper is enclosed in this packet

**Remediation Technologies:**

Mary Harlow stated she would like to see additional information on the full range of technologies, including information on stewardship considerations. She would like to see an evaluation of how long the engineering controls will last. What are the long-term stewardship considerations in selecting a remedy? What are the cost considerations?

**Process Suggestion:**

It was suggested that the Site should consider holding a technical session prior to each scheduled RFCA Stakeholder Meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to engage in a detailed technical dialogue.

The Site agreed to this suggestion and will hold the first technical session on Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

RFCA Focus Group Meeting  
Broomfield City Hall  
August 16, 2000  
Technical Discussion  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.